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Steve Bell: There is a particular incident that has just come into the papers this morning; namely that a group of Palestinian supporters in the U.S. has taken out ads in the New York Times which use raw CIA data gained from the Freedom of Information Act. The accusation is made that Moshe Dayan specifically ordered the attack on the USS Liberty in the 1967 Middle East War. Can you give us any enlightenment on that.

Admiral Turner: I certainly can and I am glad Steve, that you emphasized the word raw intelligence data. We are required under the Freedom of Information Act to produce to those who ask for it intelligence documents which can be unclassified. In those which we released there were several which indicated a possibility that the Israeli Government knew about the USS Liberty before the attack. Also, we released an evaluated over-all document which said very clearly that it was our considered opinion that the Israeli Government had no such knowledge at that time.

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